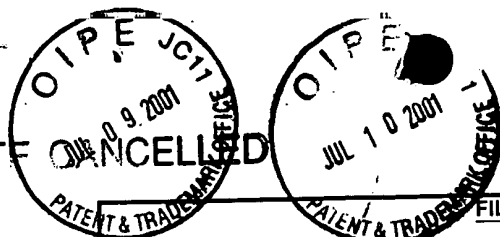


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Sir:

Applicants believe this paper is being filed before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits, and so under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) no fees are required. If a fee is deemed to be required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 19-0134.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.56, Applicants wish to call the Examiner's attention to the references cited on the attached form(s) PTO-1449.

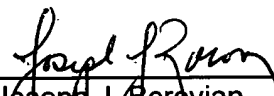
These references were cited in an International Search Report for parent application PCT/EP99/07239 filed September 30, 1999. Copies of these references and a copy of the International Search Report are enclosed herewith.

The Examiner is requested to consider the foregoing information in relation to this application and indicate that each reference was considered by returning a copy of the initialed PTO 1449 form(s).

In addition, Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention of British Application No. 9821503.1, filed October 2, 1998, and under 35 USC §120 of U.S. Application No. 09/220,813, filed December 23, 1998, copies of which are enclosed. These applications are acknowledged in the Declaration of the instant case.

Respectfully submitted,

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